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HEROES REBORN

Heroes Reborn Reborn

Welcome to a world where Tony Stark never built an Iron Man armor. Where Thor is a hard-drinking atheist who despises hammers. Where Wakanda is dismissed as a myth. And where Captain America was never found in the ice because there were no Avengers to find him. Instead, this world has always been protected by Earth's Mightiest Heroes, the Squadron Supreme of America. And now the Squadron faces an attack from some of its fiercest enemies, like Dr Juggernaut, the Black Skull, the Silver Witch, and Thanos with his Infinity Rings. But why is the Daywalker Blade the one man alive who seems to remember that the entire world has somehow been... reborn?

These questions are at the heart of May's weekly ***Heroes Reborn #s 1–4*** (of 7) by *Jason Aaron, Ed McGuinness, Dale Keown, Federico Vicentini, & James Stokoe,* a series that invites readers to visit a world in which the Marvel heroes never existed—at least, not in the way that we know them!

The first issue, by *Jason Aaron & Ed McGuinness,* lays the groundwork for the event, introducing readers to a Marvel Universe controlled by the Squadron Supreme. But why does Blade remember another reality?

At the center of ***Heroes Reborn #2*** (by *Jason Aaron, Dale Keown & Ed McGuinness)* is the all-powerful Hyperion! When America's solar-powered supersentinel of liberty looks to return his archenemy Victor Von Doom to the Negative Zone, mighty Hyperion must deal with a breakout of his most powerful enemies, such as Ultron, General Annihilus, and the Immortal Hulk. This issue also features a special backup tale starring Blade, Earth's last living vampire.

The third issue (by *Jason Aaron, Federico Vicentini, & Ed McGuinness)* focuses on Blur, the swiftest mortal alive, who must win a race through the mind-bending Dread Dimension in order to save his soul from the hypersonic hexes of the Speedster Supreme, the Silver Witch.This issue's back-up tale takes us inside the dark secrets of the Ravencroft Asylum and its newest inmate, the Phoenix.

And the fourth issue (by *Jason Aaron, James Stokoe, & Ed McGuinness)* spotlights Doctor Spectrum: Equipped with the cosmic might of his Power Prism, he has become the most feared lawman in the heavens. But now the dark forces of deep space have sent the galaxy's most notorious bounty hunter to end Spectrum once and for all. That's right, here comes Rocket Raccoon! And in the backup tale, the all-new Starbrand finds herself alone in a strange new universe.

"Maybe the wildest story I've ever put on paper," is how writer *Jason Aaron* describes this event. "I got to cut loose on this and release my inner comic-reared child in a really profound way, and together with a cadre of immensely imaginative artists, we built a world that I'm pretty confident in saying is quite unlike any version of the Marvel Universe you've seen before. It grew out of the pages of my ***Avengers*** run but kept getting bigger and bigger as it went, and the more pieces I put in place for this ***Reborn*** world, the more gleeful and excited I became. This project really stoked the fires of my love for comics in all the right ways."

The ***Heroes Reborn*** saga is so back that it will expand from the pages of the core series into a number of special tie-in books.

Years ago, Magneto and Professor X led Earth's mutants in a final push for independence against the Squadron Supreme of America. What followed was the Squadron's Mutant Massacre, a violent rebuttal that left Mutantkind forever wounded, and Xavier dead... or so Magneto thought. Years later, Magneto discovers Xavier clinging to life in the astral plane and gathers his allies for a first-of-its-kind rescue mission in ***Heroes Reborn: Magneto and the Mutant Force #1*** (by *Steve Orlando & Bernard Chang).* Too bad the same mission puts the Mutant Force back on the Squadron's radar!

The Squadron Supreme of America have taken root in the hearts and minds of all, but none more so than a trio of youthful champions who call themselves the Young Squadron! Kid Spectrum (Sam Alexander), Girl Power (Kamala Khan), and the all-new Falcon (Miles Morales) are here to fight for truth, justice, and the American flag in ***Heroes Reborn: Young Squadron #1*** (by *Jim Zub & Steven Cummings)*... or are they? Beneath the flashy facade of colorful adventure, something grim is stirring, and Deadpool is determined to bring it to light.

After the Civil War that split the Squadron Supreme in half, Nighthawk formed his own Squadron in Europe. But not all of Europe is okay with it. Baron Zemo has put together his own team of Natasha Romanov, Clint Barton, Scott Lang, and Victor Creed to take them down in ***Heroes Reborn: Siege Society #1*** (by *Cody Ziglar & Paco Medina).*

The teenage Hyperion's cosmic quests with his Shi'ar friends near their end, but none of the young heroes is ready to say farewell. A quick mission in the Negative Zone sounds like the perfect coda to a storied fellowship... but what awaits Hyperion, Gladiator, and the others in ***Heroes Reborn: Hyperion and the Imperial Guard #1*** (by *Ryan Cady & Michele Bandini)* is horror and agony beyond their wildest nightmares! Also included in this issue: a special preview of the new spinoff series, ***The Starjammers***!

Peter Parker is the biggest Hyperion fan in the world—and he also just happens to be chummy with his favorite hero, thanks to a photography gig at the Daily Bugle! Find out how this can go very wrong in ***Heroes Reborn: Peter Parker, the Amazing Shutterbug #1*** (by *Marc Bernardin & Rafael De Latorre).*

Marvel has also enlisted superstar artist *Mark Bagley* to provide special Trading Card Variant Covers for each issue of ***Heroes Reborn***—and the nine covers will join together to form one epic image. "Man, this was fun! I got to draw a bunch of characters for the first time, which doesn't happen very often after all these years of drawing comics," Bagley said. "I was just a kid comics fan when the Squadron was created, and I remember loving *John & Sal Buscema's* art at the time. Even then, I aspired to do what they were doing, so it was a thrill doing this, and I'm proud to have been offered the opportunity." Marvel also plans to offer these images on limited trading cards; ask the folks at your friendly neighborhood comic shop for more info on availability.

Heroes Reborn kicks off with the release of the first issue on May 5th; from there, it continues on a weekly basis.

by Cliff Biggers

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Coming Comics—Marvel in May

Epsilon Station is overrun with danger in ***Alien #3*** (by *Phillip Kennedy Johnson & Salvador Larroca)*—and not all of it from Xenomorphs! Meanwhile, Cruz holds mission information back from his soldiers, but he's not the only one with secrets.

Get ready for all-out war in ***Amazing Spider-Man #65*** (by *Nick Spencer & Federico Vicentini)*! All the super crime lords of the Marvel Universe are competing at the whims of Mayor Wilson Fisk! Their task? Get the Tablets of Life & Destiny and Death & Entropy. Also, kill Boomerang!

Spider-Man, Randy, and Robbie Robertson are caught in the cross-fire! It leads into ***Giant-Size Amazing Spider-Man: King's Ransom #1*** (by *Nick Spencer & Roge Antonio).* Tombstone and Robbie Robertson's years-old enmity. Randy Robertson and Beetle's timeless love! Boomerang's scheme! It's all here in the conclusion to the King's Ransom storyline.

The face of America's mysterious tormentor is revealed in ***America Chavez: Made in the USA #3*** (by *Kalinda Vazquez & Carlos Gomez)*—and while who America sees is shocking, to say the least, it's what they say that will shake the foundations of everything she knows. And then? It's just a matter of whether or not to believe them...

Beta Ray Bill takes a bloody path to find his glory—and the perfect weapon to forge it with—in *Daniel Warren Johnson's* ***Beta Ray Bill #3.*** And he's even got a few friends to brave the battle alongside him. But the journey is one even Odin would call treacherous... and not all of Bill's friends will survive.

Now that the Black Cat and the Black Fox have completed their heist, what does it mean for their standing in NYC? For one thing, Felicia comes face to face with Spider-Man in ***Black Cat #6*** (by *Jed MacKay & Michael Dowling)*—and if you think he's going to be okay with what she's done, you've got another think coming.

Dane Whitman will need Elsa Bloodstone's help if he's going to stop an enemy's murderous hunt for the Ebony Artifacts in ***Black Knight: Curse of the Ebony Blade #3*** (by *Si Spurrier & Sergio Davila).* But their battle in the present will reveal dangerous secrets of the past as Thor duels the first Black Knight at Camelot!

With a new suit, a new base of operations, new allies, and a new perspective, Natasha sets her sights on a mysterious emerging villain in San Francisco known only as Apogee. But Natasha might not be as ahead of the game as she thought, and not everyone in her orbit is exactly what they seem in ***Black Widow #7*** (by *Kelly Thompson & Elena Casagrande).*

In ***Champions #7*** (by *Danny Lore & Luciano Vecchio),* the Champions are playing dirty to beat Roxxon at its own game—including implanting two of their own as interns to take down the corporation from within. But in order to earn the trust of their cutthroat Roxxon supervisors, they'll have to deliver an unwilling spokesperson: Kamala Khan.

Who are the X-Men's sidekicks behind the masks? Find out in ***Children of the Atom #3*** (by *Vita Ayala & Bernard Chang).* Meanwhile, a brand-new alternative medicine is changing lives at school, but who's recruiting the victims—err, patients?

Conan must fight for his life against the Bandit King's deadly power in ***Conan the Barbarian #21*** (by *Jim Zub & Cory Smith).* But will Conan have what it takes... even if it costs his very soul?

As Elektra gets her bearings in Hell's Kitchen, Matt Murdock finds an unlikely ally in prison in ***Daredevil #30*** (by *Chip Zdarsky & Marco Checchetto).* Meanwhile, Wilson Fisk gets the phone call you've been waiting for.

The Human Torch's love life is changed forever when he must choose between his soulmate and his ex-wife in ***Fantastic Four #32*** (by *Dan Slott & RB Silva)*... All this *and* an ominous decree by Doctor Doom!

Amid the backdrop of the Cold War and the Space Race, a terrible accident gives the Fantastic Four great powers and a terrible secret and entangles them in the history of their planet in ***Fantastic Four: Life Story #1*** (by *Mark Russell & Sean Izaakse),* a real-time retelling of the FF's history from 1961 to the present—and it's filled with unexpected twists!

As half the team defends the Kree/Skrull Throneworld against a deadlier threat than it's ever faced before, the other half investi-

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gates a terrifying sacrificial cult on a mysterious planet in ***Guardians of the Galaxy #14*** (by *Al Ewing & Juan Frigeri*)... a cult with the power to plunge the universe into war. Plus: A new space hero joins the team.

Get ready for Psylocke vs Betsy Braddock in a 30-year battle that culminates in ***Hellions #11*** (by *Zeb Wells & Stephen Segovia*).

The gamma monsters are coming back in ***Immortal Hulk #46*** (by *Al Ewing & Joe Bennett*)—converging, one by one, on New York City. And who can stop them now?

Ten thousand years ago, something green and glowing comes to poison the ancient ground of the Fertile Crescent—and the hearts of its people. One boy is left to bear the consequences in ***Immortal Hulk: Time of Monsters*** (by *Al Ewing, Alex Paknadel, David Vaughan, Juan Ferreyra,* and others)—and, for the first time... to open the Green Door. Plus: Bruce Banner faces a challenge unlike any he's seen before.

The Hierophant of the Eighth City rises in ***Iron Fist: Heart of the Dragon #5*** (by *Larry Hama & Dave Wachter*). Heaven itself is under siege. And only an Iron Fist can defend it!

The Maestro thought he knew his enemy. He thought he was facing a band of gods. The truth is so much worse, as he will learn in ***Maestro: War & Pax #5*** (by *Peter David & Javier Pina*).

As the preparations for the Hellfire Gala come to a head in ***Marauders #20*** (by *Gerry Duggan & Stefano Caselli*), Ororo's eyes are pointed to the future, a future that takes her off the seas and over the horizon.

The Black Cat. Aero. The Punisher. Melinda May. The Terrible Tinkerer. They're all in ***The Marvels #2*** (by *Kurt Busiek & Yildiray Cinar*). Plus: Get to know Kevin Schumer, an ordinary guy with some big secrets... and the mysterious Threadneedle, as well.

If you're a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe and you like movie posters, then you'll definitely want the 11"x16" ***Marvel's The Infinity Saga Poster Book Page One TP.*** Beginning with the invincible hero whose blockbuster debut started everything, these are the instantly iconic images that brought audiences flooding to see Iron Man, Thor, Captain America—and, ultimately, the heroes' big-screen assembly alongside Black Widow, Hawkeye, and the Hulk as the Avengers! Each of these unforgettable posters has cemented its place in cinematic history—and now they are brought together in one stunning book.

On the planet of Perdita lives an ancient power—imprisoned. Leashed. Valkyrie goes to free it—and herself—in ***The Mighty Valkyries #2*** (by *Jason Aaron, Torunn Gronbekk, & Mattia De Iulis*). And she must work quickly, for back on Midgard, Jane Foster has fallen into the sights of Kraven the Hunter!

Two Spider-Men find themselves face to face with the three terrifying clones in ***Miles Morales: Spider-Man #26*** (by *Saladin Ahmed & Carmen Carnero*). Peter thought he knew what to expect out of a Clone Saga, but this one throws him for a loop... and Miles into the deep end of the ocean. Miles tries to keep his Spider-Side away from the rest of his life, but this time he's got no say in the matter.

The New Mutants' path seems simple: train, guide, and mentor the youth. Sure, they didn't ask for the job, but they've been figuring it out together, right? But it's about to go very wrong in ***New Mutants #18*** (by *Vita Ayala & Rod Reis*).

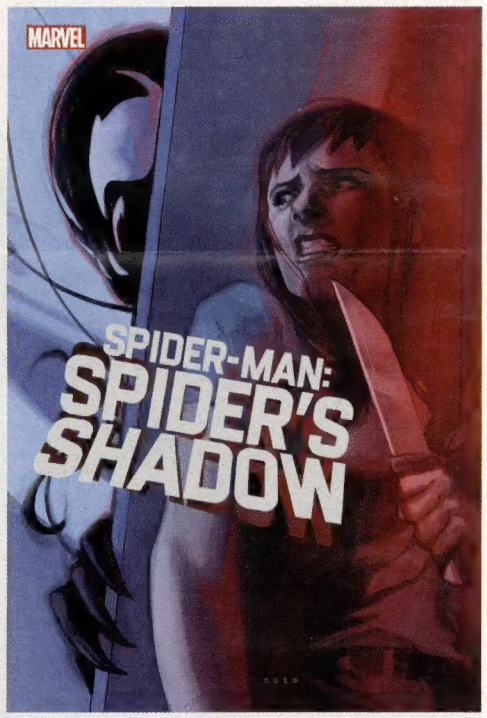
Something is happening to the brightest young minds in New York City, and Spider-

Man finds himself right in the middle of it in ***Non-Stop Spider-Man #3*** (by *Joe Kelly & Chris Bachalo).*

In the wake of Kamala's Law and his grandfather's worsening health, Humberto Lopez, aka Reptil, takes a step back from crime fighting to refocus on his family in ***Reptil #1*** (by *Terry Blas & Enid Balam).* When a mysterious figure ambushes Humberto, what unravels will shake the core of everything Humberto thought he knew about his past and will either change the course of his future—or end it forever!

Shang-Chi has finally taken his place as the leader of the Five Weapons Society. But using an evil secret organization as a force for good won't be easy. And it's about to get a lot harder when Shang-Chi's fellow superheroes, like the Amazing Spider-Man, start to see him as the bad guy in ***Shang-Chi #1*** (by *Gene LuenYang & Dike Ruan).*

What is the connection between gangland murders, a cat demon, and a futuristic tech company? While Silk unravels the mystery, more people are getting hurt in ***Silk #3*** (by *Maurene Goo & Takeshi Miyazawa),* which also features an appearance by a classic Spider-Man villain.



Spider-Man's vicious new approach to crime has every villain on high alert in ***Spider-Man: Spider's Shadow #2*** (by *Chip Zdarsky & Pasqual Ferry).* No one is safe as Peter succumbs further to his new dark powers. Wilson Fisk wants to put an end to this deadly new Spidey once and for all, but who is really the one coordinating this takedown attempt?

Jessica confronts the Brothers of the Sword in ***Spider-Woman #12*** (by *Karla Pacheco & Pere Perez).* Jessica's visit to a jail goes horribly wrong with a few slashes of these powerful swords.

In ***Star Wars #13*** (by *Charles Soule & Ramon Rosanas*, a prelude to ***War of the Bounty Hunters***, Chewbacca has heard from an old friend with intelligence on the location of notorious bounty hunter Boba Fett, known to be in possession of Han Solo. Along with Luke Skywalker, the loyal Wookiee sets off in search of his lost friend, on an adventure to Nar Shadaa... the Smuggler's Moon!

As Valance and his reluctant partner Dengar race to intercept Boba Fett and his precious cargo, who are the deadly pursuers that are after them? Find out in ***Star Wars: Bounty Hunters #12*** (by *Ethan Sacks & Paolo Villanelli*), as a dark secret from Valance's past connection to Han Solo may get him killed all these years later.

Returned to the fold after his rebellion against the Emperor, Darth Vader faces the horrors of reconstruction in the secret laboratories of Coruscant in ***Star Wars: Darth Vader #12*** (by *Greg Pak & Guiu Vilanova*). As he blacks out under the knife, does he still dream of revenge against his master? Or do his thoughts drift toward his son?

Doctor Aphra and Sana Starros find themselves cornered by Vukorah and Unbroken Clan in ***Star Wars: Doctor Aphra #10*** (by *Alyssa Wong & Ray-Anthony Height*). Can they pull off a daring escape—even if that means surrendering the Nihil Hyperdrive?

The High Republic Jedi clash with Hutt forces in ***Star Wars: The High Republic #5*** (by *Cavan Scott & Ario Anindito*). Starlight Beacon is overrun by a creeping alien horror! Can Vernestra Rwoh and her Padawan Imri Cantaros find a way to save Starlight's infected masses?

The notorious bounty hunter Boba Fett has finally landed his greatest prize: Han Solo, frozen in carbonite for easy transport. In ***Star Wars: War of the Bounty Hunters Alpha #1*** (by *Charles Soule & Steve McNiven*), Fett will bring the smuggler to Tatooine to collect the massive bounty placed on Solo's head by the fearsome crime lord Jabba the Hutt. What could go wrong?

The students of Strange Academy are taking their first field trip in ***Strange Academy #10*** (by *Skottie Young & Humberto Ramos*). They're off to Alvi and Iric's home—Asgard—where you'll learn something truly shocking about these twins!

In ***Thor & Loki: Double Trouble #3*** (by *Mariko Tamaki & Gurihiru*), Thor and Loki are transported to an alternate universe where they run into the Goddess of Thunder, Jane Foster! Can she help these misbehaving brothers find their way home?

It turns out that the forces aligned against the USP and Ultraman are far more widespread—and more organized!—than our heroes had ever suspected. If they're going to survive, they'll need a new ally of their own in ***The Trials of Ultraman #3*** (by *Kyle Higgins, Mat Groom, & Francesco Manna*)... and the man they're looking at just so happens to be one of the most powerful and influential people in the world.

Doc Croc has defeated Union Jack and the team in ***The Union #5*** (by *Paul Grist & Andrea Di Vito*). But can this truly be the end of the line for our new heroes? Or can they receive one last push to pull it together?

The dark force hiding within Krakoa begins to show its true form in ***Way of X #2*** (by *Si Spurrier & Bob Quinn*) as one of the most dangerous mutants is reborn!

A last-ditch effort will put Wolverine and Louise within fanging distance of Dracula—a betrayal that will tear through the X-books—in ***Wolverine #12*** (by *Benjamin Percy & Scot Eaton*).

The deals have been made. Mutantkind is safe on Krakoa. As the Reign of X continues, what are the wants of the mutants who have everything? Leading the charge is X-Corporation, headed by CXO's Monet St Croix and Warren Worthington, a duo as cutthroat and ruthless in the boardroom as they are on a battlefield. But X-Corp needs more than just its figureheads. As Monet sets out to staff their team with some of the brightest and most deviant minds in mutantkind, Warren finds himself in a tense meeting with one of Krakoa's first allies in ***X-Corp #1*** (by *Tini Howard & Alberto Foche*).

The Morrigan needs to be destroyed! And the answer lies in the Mojoverse in ***X-Factor #9*** (by *Leah Williams & David Baldeon*).

Years ago, Doctor Ted Sallis was ready to give up anything to crack the SO-2 serum and deliver success to his growing family. Unbeknownst to the rest of the world, he did. Today, as cities from the US to Krakoa are besieged by fear-driven blazes, the Man-Thing must reckon with his past deeds if he hopes to emerge renewed and rescue a world on fire. But to accomplish his goal, he will need the help of the X-Men's resident sorceress Magik and her team of mutants known as the Dark Riders in ***X-Men: Curse of the Man-Thing #1*** (by *Steve Orlando & Andrea Broccardo*).

Things go from bad to worse for X-Factor when they must save the baby Nathan Christopher Summers from the clutches of a deadly robot attacker in ***X-Men Legends #4*** (by *Louise Simonson & Walter Simonson*). But who is really at the helm, and what will this mean for the future of the team and the Summers clan?

Marvel collected editions (solicited for May, June, July, and August release) include:

- ***The Amazing Spider-Man Omnibus Volume 3 HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 68–104.***
- ***The Amazing Spider-Man Omnibus Volume 5 HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 143–180 & Annuals #s 10–11*** as well as ***Nova #12.***
- ***Avengers by Jason Aaron Volume 8: Enter the Phoenix TP,*** collecting ***Avengers (2018) #s 39–45.***
- ***Black Cat Volume 4: Queen in Black TP,*** collecting ***Black Cat (2020) #s 1–4*** and more.
- ***Captain America's Bicentennial Battles All-New Marvel Treasury Edition TP,*** presenting one of *Jack Kirby's* most memorable Captain America projects in all its oversized glory, along with ***The Mighty Marvel Bicentennial Calendar 1976.***
- ***Conan the Barbarian: The Original Marvel Years Omnibus Volume 6 HC,*** collecting ***Conan the Barbarian (1970) #s 150–171, Conan Annual #s 8–9,*** and ***What If? (1977) #43.***
- ***Daredevil by Charles Soule Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Daredevil (2015) #s 1–28 & 595–612, Annual #1, Daredevil/Punisher: Seventh Circle #s 1–4,*** and more.
- ***Dawn of X Volume 16 TP,*** collecting ***Giant-Size X-Men: Storm, X-Force (2019) #s 11–12, Excalibur (2019) #s 11–12,*** and ***X-Men (2019) #12.***
- ***The Death of Captain Marvel Gallery Edition HC,*** an oversized presentation of ***Marvel Super-Heroes #s 12–13, Captain Marvel #s 1 & 32, Marvel Spotlight #s 1–2,*** and ***The Death of Captain Marvel.***
- ***The Fantastic Four Omnibus Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Fantastic Four #s 94–125*** and ***The Lost Adventure #1,*** including the final ***FF*** issues by *Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, & Joe Sinnott.*
- ***Fantastic Four: Fate of the Four HC,*** collecting ***Marvel 2-In-One #s 1–12 & Annual #1.***

•*Generation X Epic Collection: Back to School TP,* collecting *Uncanny X-Men (1981) #s 316–318, X-Men (1991) #s 36–37, Generation X (1994) #s 1–9, Wolverine (1988) #94, Generation X Collectors' Preview,* and *Generation X Ashcan Edition.*
•*Immortal Hulk Volume 4 HC,* collecting *Immortal Hulk #s 31–40.*
•*Immortal Hulk Volume 9: The Weakest One There Is TP,* collecting *Immortal Hulk #s 41–45.*

•*Incredible Hulk Epic Collection: Man or Monster? TP,* collecting *Incredible Hulk (1962) #s 1–6, Fantastic Four (1961) #s 12 & 25–26, Avengers (1963) #s 1–3 & 5, Amazing Spider-Man (1963) #14,* and material from *Tales to Astonish (1959) #59* and *Journey into Mystery (1952) #112.*
•*Jessica Jones: Alias Omnibus HC,* collecting *Alias #s 1–28* and more.
•*King in Black: Return of the Valkyries TP,* collecting the four-issue limited series.
•*Kull the Destroyer: The Original Marvel Years Omnibus HC,* collecting *Kull the Conqueror (1971) #s 1–10, Kull the Destroyer #s 11–29, Creatures on the Loose #10, and Monsters on the Prowl #16*—plus material from *Kull and the Barbarians #s 1–3, Savage Sword of Conan (1974) #9, Conan the Barbarian (1970) #10,* and *Conan Annual #3.*
•*Loki: Agent of Asgard—The Complete Collection TP,* collecting *Loki: Agent of Asgard (2014) #s 1–17, Original Sin (2014) #s 5.1–5.5,* and more.
•*Marvel Masterworks: Spectacular Spider-Man Volume 4 HC,* collecting *Spectacular Spider-Man (1976) #s 43–55 & Annual #2.*
•*Mighty Marvel Masterworks: The Amazing Spider-Man—With Great Power GN-TP,* collecting *Amazing Fantasy #15* and *Amazing Spider-Man #s 1–10.*
•*Miles Morales: Ultimate End GN-TP,* collecting *Miles Morales: Ultimate Spider-Man #s 1–12.*
•*Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: Bad Guzz GN-TP,* collecting *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur #s 25–36.*
•*Moon Knight Epic Collection: Bad Moon Rising TP,* collecting *Werewolf by Night (1972) #s 32–33; Marvel Spotlight (1971) #s 28–29; Defenders (1972) #s 47–50; Spectacular Spider-Man (1976) #s 22–23; Marvel 2-In-One (1974) #52, Moon Knight (1980) #1–4,* and more.
•*Power Pack: The Powers That Be TP,* collecting *Power Pack (2020) #s 1–5.*
•*Punisher Epic Collection: Return to Big Nothing TP,* collecting *Punisher (1987) #s 26–34 & Annual #3, Classic Punisher #1, Epic Graphic Novel: Punisher—Return to Big Nothing, Marvel Graphic Novel: Punisher—Intruder,* and *Punisher: Kingdom Gone.*
•*Spider-Man by Todd McFarlane Omnibus,* collecting *Spider-Man (1990) #s 1–14 & 16* and *X-Force (1991) #4.*
•*Squadron Supreme vs Avengers TP,* collecting *Avengers (1963) #s 69–70, 85–86, 141–144, & 147–149; Thor (1966) #280; Avengers (1998) #s 5–6; Avengers/Squadron Supreme Annual '98,* and *Squadron Supreme (2015) #3.*
•*Star Wars: Bounty Hunters Volume 2—Target Valance TP,* collecting *Star Wars: Bounty Hunters #s 6–11.*
•*Star Wars Legends Epic Collection,* collecting *Star Wars: The Old Republic #s 1–6, Star Wars: The Old Republic—The Lost Suns #s 1–5, Star Wars: Lost Tribe of the Sith—Spiral #s 1–5,* and more.
•*Star Wars: War of the Bounty Hunters—Director's Cut #1,* presenting *Charles Soule & Steve McNiven's* epic in black-and-white director's cut format, complete with bonus features.
•*Star Wars: Darth Vader by Greg Pak Volume 2—Into the Fire TP,* collecting *Star Wars: Darth Vader #s 6–11.*

•*Taskmaster: The Rubicon Trigger TP,* collecting *Taskmaster (2020) #s 1–5.*
•*Thanos Quest: Marvel Tales #1,* collecting *Thanos Quest (1990) #s 1–2.*
•*Thor by Donny Cates Volume 2: Prey TP,* collecting *Thor (2020) #s 7–14.*
•*Thor by Jason Aaron: The Complete Collection Volume 3 TP,* collecting *Mighty Thor (2015) #s 1–19.*
•*X-Men: Inferno Prologue Omnibus,* collecting *X-Factor (1986) #s 27–32 & Annual #3, Uncanny X-Men (1981) #s 228–238, New Mutants (1983) #s 62–70 & Annual #4, X-Men Annual (1970) #12,* and more.

Coming Comics—Image in May

Afua Richardson's ***Aquarius: The Book of Mer #1*** presents a modern retelling of mermaid myths and legends from all over the world. In 1983 Harlem, something surfaces from the haunted lake of Astara's dreams. She's plagued by visions of ancestors, monsters, and merfolk. What will she sacrifice to finally have peace? This quarterly comic will be accompanied by music for a unique storytelling experience.

To go into the dark, you have to get to the dark. They never put a dungeon anywhere accessible, do they? Past sins haunt our party in ***Die #16*** (by *Kieron Gillen & Stephanie Hans*), and future sins permeate the landscape.

The Good Asian #1 (by *Pornsak Pichetshote & Alexandre Tefenkgi*) follows Edison Hark—a haunted, self-loathing Chinese-American detective—on the trail of a killer in 1936 Chinatown. This is Chinatown noir starring the first generation of Americans to come of age under an immigration ban, the Chinese, as they're besieged by rampant murders, abusive police, and a world that seemingly never changes.

They've known for years it's the beginning of the end... so why won't the damn business just die already? That's the question *Howard Victor Chaykin* explores in ***Hey Kids! Comics Volume 2—Prophets & Loss #1.*** Hopes and dreams are floated and crushed and crushed again... but new blood, with new eyes, can see a new path emerging from the mist, a fog that veterans thought just hid one more cliff.

For Jesse, the world's first true AI system, growing up means learning to think outside the box. ***Made in Korea #1*** (by *Jeremy Holt & George Schall*) redefines what it means to be a family in an age when biological parenthood is no longer a reality.

The showdown between undead detective James Sangster Sr and vampire queen Abigail Adams and her legion reaches fever pitch in ***Killadelphia #13*** (by *Rodney Barnes & Jason Shawn Alexander*) now that Abigail has killed his son. But revenge becomes even more complicated as dark figures from the past emerge, and even more shocking surprises that you never saw coming are unearthed!

Erik Larsen's ***North Force #0*** re-presents ***Savage Dragon #259,*** reworked and reformatted to spotlight this all-new Canadian superteam!

Chaos erupts in ***Stillwater by Zdarsky & Perez #7*** (by *Chip Zdarsky, Ramon Perez, & Mike Spicer*)! With the Judge out of commission, Ted and his militia storm the town and take control. But in this small town where no one can die, there are others willing to go further...

The year is 2140, and to escape a world with no future, many turn to the Syndicate, a criminal organization that, for the right price, will smuggle you back in time to a better life. After working for the Syndicate for years, Tatsuo and Oscar decide to steal one of their boss's time machines in ***Time Before Time #1*** (by *Declan Shalvey, Rory McConville, Joe Palmer, & Chris O'Halloran*)—but soon find that the one thing you can't run from is your past.

Image collected editions include:
•*Crossover Volume 1: Kids Love Chains TP,* collecting *Crossover #s 1–6.*
•*Home Sick Pilots Volume 1: Teenage Haunts TP,* collecting *Home Sick Pilots #s 1–5.*
•*La Mano del Destino TP,* collecting *La Mano del Destino #s 1–6.*
•*Kick-Ass: The New Girl Volume 4 TP,* collecting *Kick-Ass vs Hit-Girl #s 1–5.*
•*Low Book Two HC,* collecting *Low #s 16–26.*
•*Sunstone HC,* collecting *Sunstone Vols 1–3.*
•*Unearth Volume 2 TP,* collecting *Unearth #s 6–10.*

Coming Comics—Dynamite in May

For over a quarter-century, *Jay Anacleto* has taken pencil to some of the most iconic and sophisticated covers to grace the comics industry. For Dynamite Entertainment, Anacleto has tackled virtually every character in the company's library! Now, all of this

incredible art is presented in ***The Dynamite Art of Jay Anacleto HC,*** a 190+–page collection curated by the master himself!

Red Sonja finds herself on a spectacular journey filled with pirates, mermaids, princesses, and political intrigue as the threat of two kingdoms hangs in the balance in ***The Invincible Red Sonja #1,*** by the star team of *Jimmy Palmiotti, Amanda Conner, & Moritat.*

Double and triple crosses and being in bed with the enemy—sometimes literally—are the order of the day in ***James Bond: Agent of SPECTRE #3*** (by *Christos Gage & Luca Casalanguida).* Has Bond truly become no different than the members of SPECTRE he is now working for, or does he have a master plan that can work against impossible odds?

Sonja has fought the idea of being a hero long enough. Will she accept membership into The Project—and if so, is she ready for the evil she must face? Find out in ***Red Sonja: The Superpowers #5*** (by *Dan Abnett & Jonathan Lau),* the series finale.

Our six guns defend the peaceful vampires of Ashthorne from Chastity's old flame, the merciless vampire slayer Leviticus, in ***Sacred Six #10*** (by *Christopher Priest, Fritz Casas, & Stephane Roux).* Meanwhile, Victory struggles to hide her newfound faith from the team, and Vampirella is literally not herself. Also, Nyx's time-mashup adventure builds to a climax—but can she reclaim her hellfire scepter before her remaining life force expires?

Team Sonja flies toward the space-based temple, home of the gods of the universe, in ***Sonjaversal #4*** (by *Christopher Hastings & Pasquale Qualano).* Thing about gods, though: They're not always on your side.

Can Vampirella turn her back on her own people? Having discovered the startling truth about her home world of Drakulon, Vampirella is torn between her mother's evil dreams of conquest and the vendetta against the Vampiri race by a macabre, enigmatic new threat. The fate of Lilith and the destiny of Drakulon are about to be revealed in ***Vampirella #21*** (by *Christopher Priest & Ergun Gunduz).*

Not only is Lilith getting very creative with her "corrupt the incorruptible, end the world" plan in ***Vampirella vs Purgatori #3*** (by *Ray Fawkes & Alvaro Sarreseca*), but a powerful new player has decided to get involved. Things are shaping up to get massively out of hand, which is the perfect time for Vampirella and Purgatori to start fighting each other instead of their enemies—not!

A reborn Vampirella fights against the literal forces of chaos to save humanity from its ultimate destruction in ***Vengeance of Vampirella #18*** (by *Tom Sniegoski & Michael Sta Maria).* Vampirella versus Nyx... Order versus Chaos... with the fate of the world and all humanity hanging in the balance.

Dynamite collected editions include:

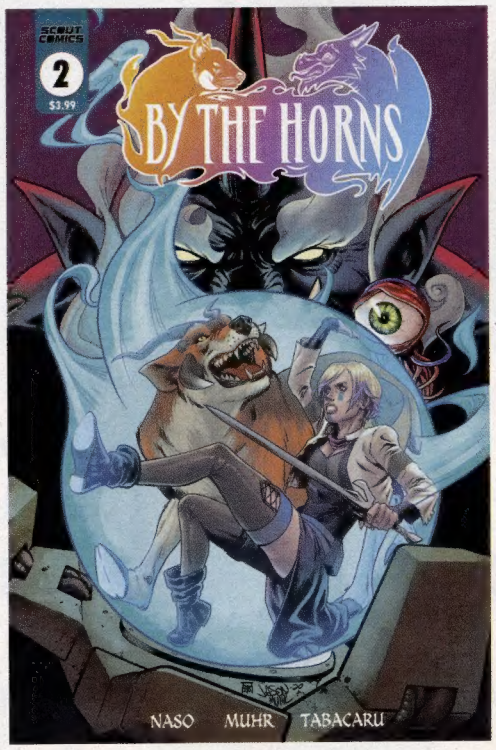
- ***Bettie Page: Hollywood Adventures on Murder Island TP,*** collecting the five-issue series.
- ***Dejah Thoris Volume 2: A Princess of Earth TP,*** collecting ***Dejah Thoris #s 6–12.***
- ***Green Hornet: Sky Lights TP,*** collecting the five-issue series by *Scott Lobdell & Anthony Marques.*
- ***Sacred Six Volume 1 TP: Numerology,*** collecting ***Sacred Six #s 1–6.***
- ***Vampirella/Red Sonja Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Vampirella/Red Sonja #s 6–12.***

Coming Comics—Scout in May

The public outcry for justice after police officer Zion Cotton shoots an unarmed minority white woman causes calamity in ***Black Cotton #2*** (by *Patrick Foreman, Brian Hawkins, & Marco Perugini),* and despite his wealthy family's trying to quell social tensions and fix the problem, Zion decides to take matters into his own hands.

Something has broken into Star-Mart in ***Black Friday #2*** (by *Jon Clark & Travis Williamson)....* something very vicious and *very* hungry. Store clerk Javier and his fellow employees thought they were survivors by contending with the onslaught of excited customers racing to secure the right prize on Black Friday, but they had no idea what real survival was. Now they're about to find out.

Saint Abigail's Institute creates monsters —and those monsters are teenagers! Several teens discover that they possess out-of-the-ordinary abilities, in each case related to their psychosomatic conditions. The trauma caused by this horrific discovery leads them to stray from their normal teenage lives—some to seek answers, others in a desperate attempt to escape their terrible fate. Meanwhile, a mysterious organization working for the government begins to track down the kids with the goal of "bringing them home" in ***Broken Souls Ballad #1*** (by *Massimo Rosi & Ludovica Ceregatti).*



Elodie and Sajen make their way to the island home of Futen, the Dark Demon Sorcerer of the Western Wind, to have a chat about unicorns in ***By the Horns #2*** (by *Markisan Naso & Jason Muhr).* Their talk does *not* go well...

Rockstar Cherry Blackbird sold her soul for fame. Now she's 26, and time is running short. The day she turns 27, she'll be dragged to Hell. But Cherry is not one to go quietly in ***Cherry Blackbird #1*** (by *Joseph Schmalke)...* The Devil has tasked her with collecting seven demonic souls that have escaped the Abyss. If she can do this before her next birthday, she'll be released from her infernal pact and spared eternal damnation. Heaven help anyone who gets in her way!

In ***Midnight Sky #8*** (by *James Pruett & Scott Van Domelen),* Jennifer and Elita fight for their lives against the horde of swamp creatures trying to prevent them from rescuing Alejandro from the Changelings. Meanwhile, Alejandro finds himself face to face with the Prime Changeling and discovers that he shares more than just a species as it is revealed that the Prime is his true father. Now, Alejandro is faced with the most important decision of his life: whether loyalty to his true bloodline and heritage is more powerful than the love of his human mother and family...

Thrown to the outer realms of Nether-Earth, Jimminy, a young show-off wizard apprentice, teams up with a gruff Viking princess, Marius, in the all-ages ***Misadventurers #1*** (by *Joseph A. Michael & Nic Touris).* These awkward allies must outwit oddball villains as they struggle to return home, but they're not alone. Will the mysterious presence secretly trailing them turn out to be friend or foe?

While humanity grapples to survive on Mars, the Ministry of Exploration pins mankind's last hope of resurgence on an astronaut who's scared of space in ***Redshift #1*** (by *HS Tak & Brent David McKee).* In this space odyssey brew of ***Total Recall*** and ***Interstellar,*** Hellener and his team of explorers hunt for a new home while civil war threatens to obliterate the last bastion of human life.

In the African savannah, Sengi the mouse finds himself alone after the death of his mother and must learn to survive. Tembo, the old elephant, feels that his life is coming to an end. So he decides to leave his herd to try to reach the "Land Without Beginning," a mythical place accessible by a secret passage to the west, in ***Sengi and Tembo TP,*** a 140-page all-ages tale by *Guiseppe Falco.*

Angel and Jessamy catch a murder case when an Anti-Vamper is found drained in ***Stake #3*** (by *David A. Byrne & Francesca Fantini).* Jessamy forces Angel to canvas the neighbors, leading to an encounter with an old friend. But it's the discovery of a nest in Detroit that gives Angel the chance to do exactly what she wants: crack some skulls!

Jonny is an old-model crash test dummy that has been repurposed as a hitman for Don Vito Coriaci, the supremely powerful mob boss of Santa Clara City, a sprawling, ocean-bound metropolis. Jonny is completely loyal and follows his Don's orders to the T—until his most recent mission. It all starts to fall apart when Jonny's tasked with bringing in a mermaid, a delicacy whose flesh has healing properties. Quite unexpectedly, Jonny falls in love with the mermaid and decides to save her—a decision that is fraught with danger—in *Stefano Cardoselli's* ***Sweet Downfall TP.***

Scout collected editions include:

- ***Gutt Ghost Volume Zero TP,*** collecting all the Gutt Ghost material published thus far, along with bonus pages and a new Gutt Ghost comic introduction.
- ***Phantom Starkiller Legendary Edition,*** an 11"x17" format book featuring raw art pages and dialogue for ***Phantom Starkiller #1.***